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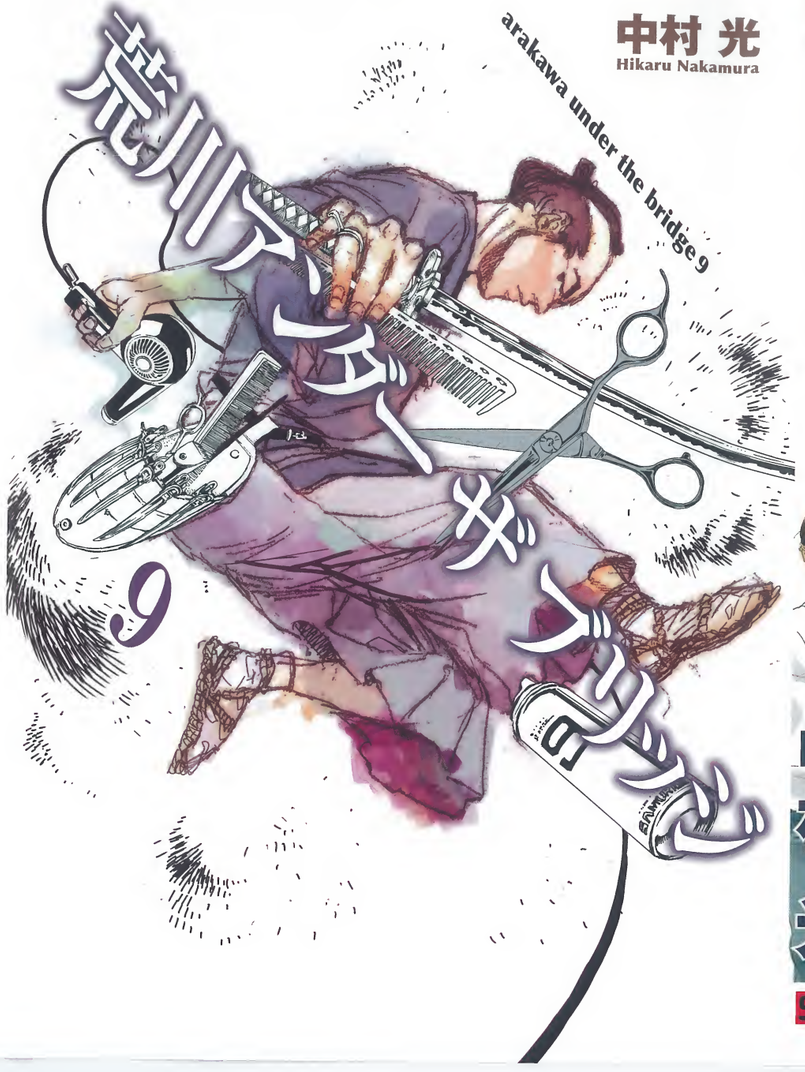

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RECENTLY THERE HAVE BEEN A LOT OF THUNDER-STORMS IN THE RIVERBED
Hey, let's make a lightning rod!
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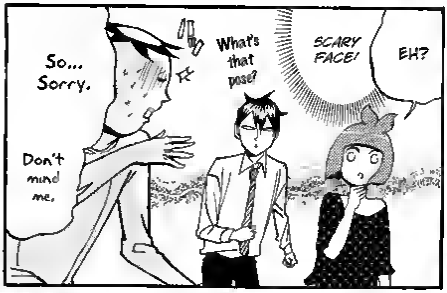
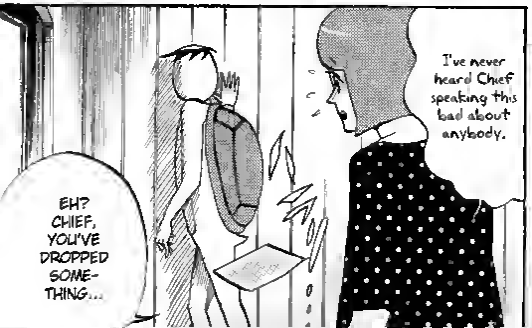
ゴロ
The church has a pointed roof, and what's more...
ピカッ!
The cross is made of iron!
It's dangerous, lightning can strike it!!
OHHH, DID YOU HEAR THAT? THAT WAS CLOSE!
DO YOU STILL BELIEVE IN SUCH SUPERSTITIONS?
IT WON'T STRIKE THIS PLACE SO EASILY.
ピカッ!
THIS PLACE WON'T BE STRUCK BY LIGHTNING FOR SURE
OH, CHIEF YOU GET IT AS WELL?
HIGH BUILDINGS AROUND THE RIVERBED WILL TAKE THE LIGHTNING
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
OF COURSE IT'LL NEVER STRIKE THE AREA BELOW
YEAH... THAT GUY...

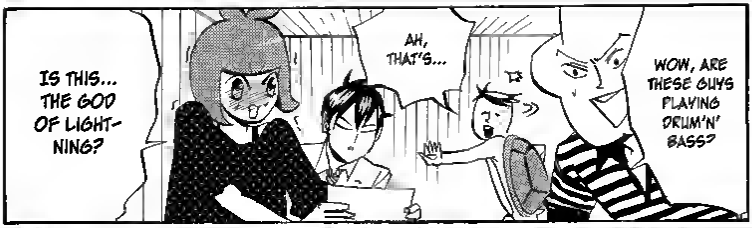
WAIT A MINUTE, ISN'T IT AN EVEN BIGGER SUPERSTI-TION?
THAT BASTARD GOD OF LIGHTNING! HE DOESN'T HAVE THE GUTS TO FACE OFF AGAINST ME!
ARAKAWA UNDER THE BRIDGE
荒川アンダーザブリッジ

CHAPTER 226: CHIEF'S RECOLLECTIONS

WHO IS THE GOD OF LIGHTNING?
DO YOU MEAN A GUY WHO LIVES ON TOP OF A CLOUD AND DRINKS BEER ALL THE TIME?
It strongly resembles Do*f
HUH?
NO, THAT'D BE THE GOD OF LIGHTNING FROM SOME ANCIENT PERIOD.







WHY IS THIS PHOTO FULLY COLORED WHEN IT'S WRITTEN HERE THAT IT'S FROM THE *TEMPOU PERIOD?
BUT THE YOUNG CHIEF IN THE MIDDLE IS THE MOST FASCINATING!
HE'S COOL ENOUGH TO BE WORTH CALLING HIM A GOD...

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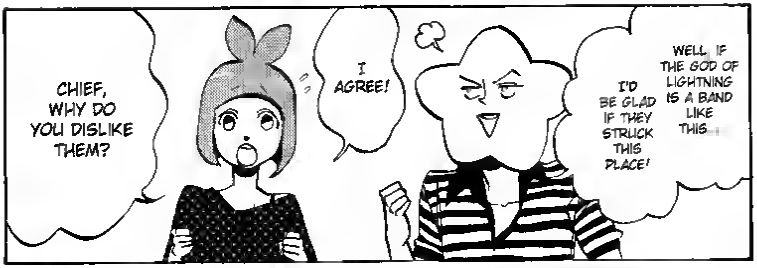
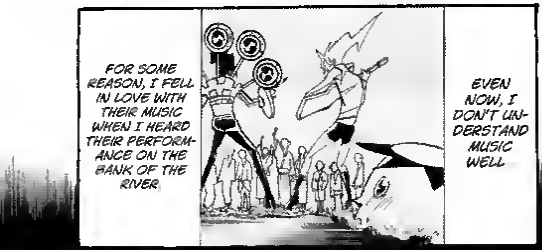
CHAPTER 227: SAD FAREWELL




FOR SOME REASON, I FELL IN LOVE WITH THEIR MUSIC WHEN I HEARD THEIR PERFORMANCE ON THE BANK OF THE RIVER.
EVEN NOW, I DON'T UNDERSTAND MUSIC WELL

I'M HAPPY
OKAY, I'LL GIVE YOU AN AUTOGRAPH
Eeeh, really?
I STAYED AT THE CONCERTS UNTIL THE END
EVEN WHEN THERE WAS NOBODY ELSE LISTENING..
HI, GREEN GUY. YOU CAME TODAY TOO...

I'D LIKE TO HAVE YOUR SHIRIKO-DAMA!
THEN, INSTEAD OF AUTO-GRAPHS...
A shiriko-dama of a true man is a great treasure..
And...
But... But dad told me...
HA-HA-HA, THAT'S IM-POSSIBLE
WE'RE STILL AN INDIE BAND.
WE HAVEN'T MADE OUR MAJOR DEBUT YET.
BEAR WITH IT FOR NOW.
Eh?
TAKE THIS.
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THAT!
I'LL BET MY SHIRIKODAMA IN A SUMO MATCH WITH YOU!
WHEN WE BECOME REAL MEN AND OUR BAND BE-COMES THE BEST LIGHTNING BAND
THIS IS LIKE A SHIRIKO-DAMA FOR US.

YEAH, THEY DID.
SO, DID THEY BECOME FAMOUS ? DID THEY FIND A PRODUCER?
Wow... They sound like awesome guys.
YOU'LL DEFINITELY BECOME FAMOUS...
LITTLE CHIEF
'URE CHIEF
THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MEN IS SO ADMIRABLE!
I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT DAY
LIGHTNING PRO
Application
Wow, it's real!
AH, WELL...
YEAH!
LET'S GO DIG-CUSS IT!
THE ONLY ONE I WANT TO TALK TO..
IS RAI.
OF COURSE! THERE'S NO MEANING IN DOING IT ALONE
You won't take up that agreement, right Rai?
だんご
You...
.....
TO TELL THE TRUTH, I WAS PLAYING JUST FOR FUN
SORRY, RAI

I'M OUT OF THE BAND.
IF YOU WANT TO PLAY, PLAY WITHOUT ME
WHAT THE
Geki...
BUT NOW A PRODUCER FOUND US...
Eh...
Hey, are you...
Geki...?
IF YOU PLAY ALONE, YOU WON'T CLIMB HIGH IN THE RANKINGS...
AH, SORRY, I PROMISED TO GIVE YOU MY SHIRIKO-DAMA...
I...
You aren't a real man at all!!
I don't want your shiriko-dama!!
THE GOD OF WIND TOLD ME THAT GEKI MADE A MAJOR DEBUT LATER TOO.
NOW I REALIZE THAT GEKI DID THIS INTENTIONALLY.
HUH...
UGH...
GREEN GUY!
I'D PREFER TO DRAG A HORSE INTO THE RIVER THAN YOU!
ABOUT 200 YEARS PASSED

DON'T WAIL!
BUT BOTH OF THEM ARE PLAYING SOLO!
DAMN! WHY ARE MUSICIANS IN BANDS SO CLUMSY!?
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU REMEMBER THIS SAD STORY, CHIEF..
WELL SO MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED
LIKE REAL!
I WANT TO MAKE A RETORT
BUT THE STORY IS INDEED TOUCHING
I'M SICK AND TIRED OF THIS!
What's the deal with indie musicians.
Why can't I even bring myself to say a punch line?
MA... MARIA!
IT'S TIME TO OPEN THEIR EYES.
RICK, CAN YOU HELP ME?
SURE!
INDEED THERE'S A LIMIT, I CAN'T LISTEN TO THIS KIND OF STORY...
REALLY...
WHAT THE HELL, I SHOULD HAVE PREPARED IT BEFOREHAND.
MARIA MIGHT BE A FRIGHTENING ENEMY...
BUT IT'S VERY REASSURING WHEN SHE'S ON YOUR SIDE
SO, WHAT SHOULD I DO?
GO OUTSIDE.

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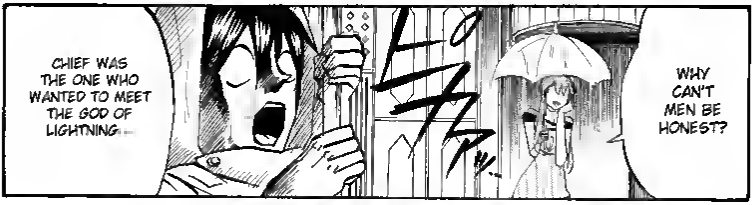
EH? THIS LOOKS LIKE A LIGHTNING ROD...


CHIEF WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED TO MEET THE GOD OF LIGHTNING...
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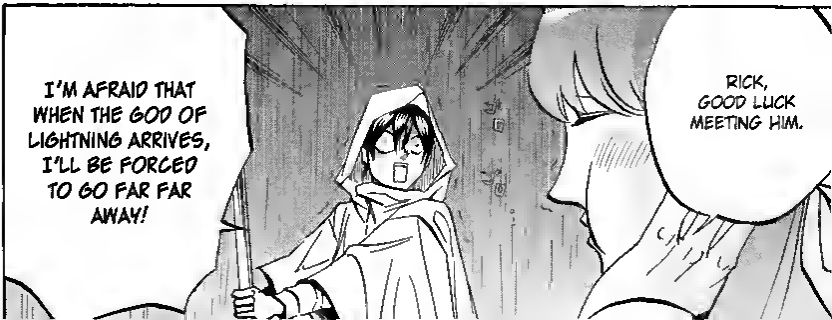
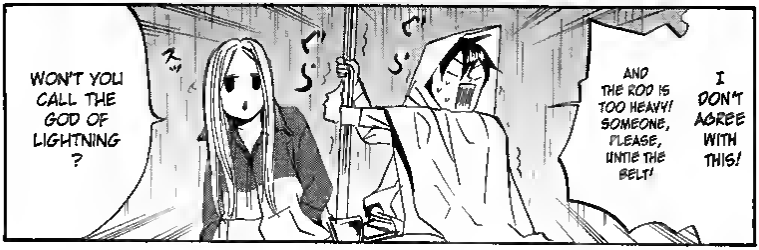
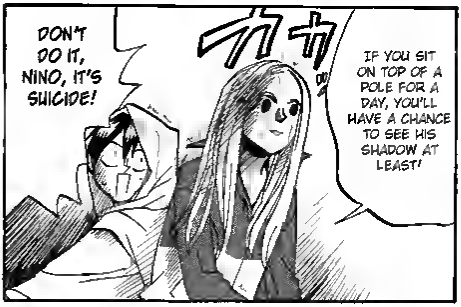
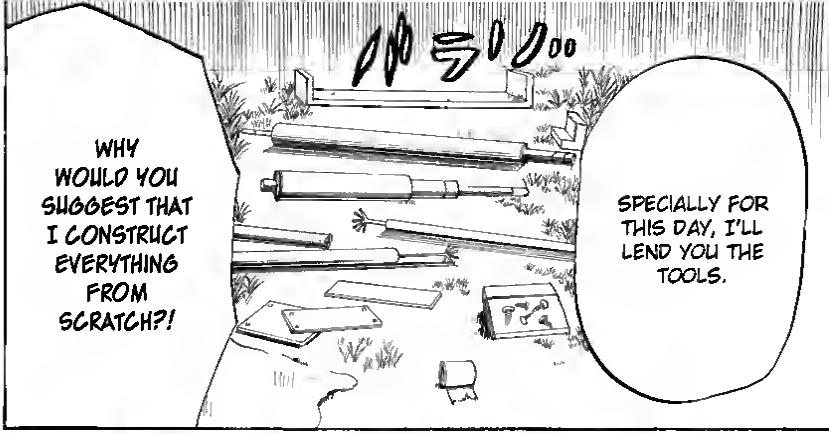
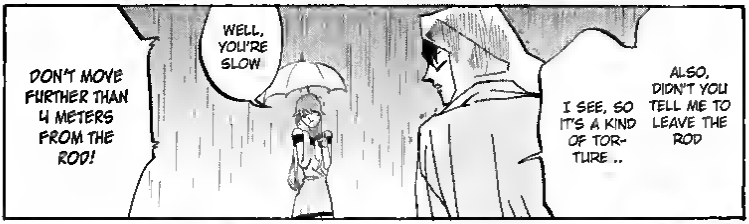

I'M AFRAID THAT WHEN THE GOD OF LIGHTNING ARRIVES, I'LL BE FORCED TO GO FAR FAR AWAY!
RICK, GOOD LUCK MEETING HIM.

CHAPTER 228: BEST ACT

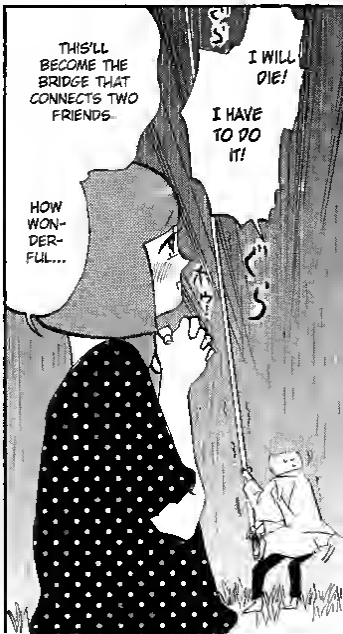





WHY WOULD YOU SUGGEST THAT I CONSTRUCT EVERYTHING FROM SCRATCH?!
SPECIALLY FOR THIS DAY, I'LL LEND YOU THE TOOLS.


DON'T MOVE FURTHER THAN 4 METERS FROM THE ROD!
WELL, YOU'RE SLOW
I SEE, SO IT'S A KIND OF TORTURE..
ALSO, DIDN'T YOU TELL ME TO LEAVE THE ROD

SORRY, P-KO.
IT'S NOT SO EASY.
YOU'VE NEARLY DONE IT, CHIEF!
THIS WAY, THE THREE OF YOU'LL FINALLY MEET


THIS'LL BECOME THE BRIDGE THAT CONNECTS TWO FRIENDS
I WILL DIE!
I HAVE TO DO IT!
HOW WONDERFUL...

THEY WON'T COME...
THEY'VE FORGOTTEN THE OLD PASSION AND FRIENDSHIP...
THOSE GUYS ARE STILL BRATS
THEY HAVEN'T PERFORMED TOGETHER FOR NEARLY 200 YEARS!

AND ME...
HM?
SLAP
WHAT?
THE PLATE IS MOVING BECAUSE I'M TOO NERVOUS?
Chief, aren't you young as well?
That's why Rai and Geki don't dare to show up!
After 200 years...
THEY WOULD REALLY WANT SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO THEIR PERFORMANCE, AND WHO DO YOU THINK THAT WOULD BE?
I CAN'T CONCENTRATE...
BECAUSE OF THIS EMOTIONAL SCENE!
IT'S USELESS!
WHEN THE TWO LIGHTNINGS CAME TOO CLOSE TO EACH OTHER...
THEY COULDN'T RESONATE ANY MORE...

WAITING FOR SOME-BODY.
As if they were...
アアア...
Rai...
Geki...
OHH !!
OKAY, IT'S READY!
NOW I CAN FINALLY TAKE THE BELT OFF.
NO . YOU GUYS WERE .
YOUR SONGS .

I SEE...
YOU GUYS AND I.
DIDN'T NEED WORDS TO UNDER-STAND EACH OTHER
ALL THIS TIME...
CHIEF!
THANKS, P-KO. YOU HELPED ME ALOT.
EH, REALLY !?
THE GOO OF LIGHTNING WON'T COME!
I DON'T CONSENT TO IT!!
NO, HE HAS ALREADY COME!
IT WAS THE BEST SESSION...
WHAT HAPPENED, DID THEY FIND A SO-LUTION?!

I'VE NEVER BEEN TO A SESSION...
THAT MADE ME NUMB...

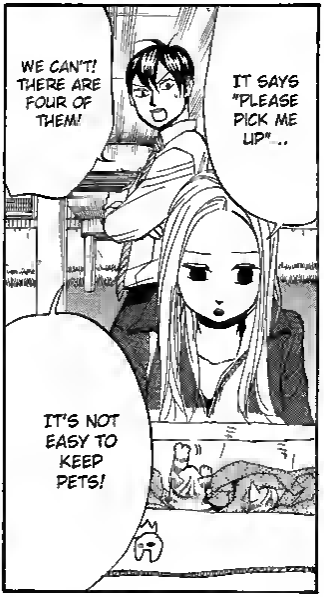
ARE YOU STAR? DID YOUR MASK COULD IT MELT? BE...
AWESOME... THIS IS THE BEST LIVE...
OF COURSE...

ENCORE !!!
GUYS, IT'S VERY DANGER-OUS!!

WHY DO SMALL ANIMALS..
ALWAYS LOOK SO LOVELY AND CUTE?
Please pick me up
荒川アンダーザブリッジ

NINO, ARE YOU...
REALLY GOING TO TAKE THEM?

NO, BUT..
THIS IS SOMETHING UNEXPECTED..
NINO WANTS A KITTEN?


IT SAYS "PLEASE PICK ME UP"..
WE CAN'T! THERE ARE FOUR OF THEM!
IT'S NOT EASY TO KEEP PETS!

NINO HAS A GIRLY SIDE TOO
Yes... I think I'll have to do it.
Please pick me up
The scene of Nino playing with kittens is nice

荒川アンダーザブリッジ
ARAKAWA UNDER THE BRIDGE
I NEED THIS CARDBOARD BOX FOR HOME.
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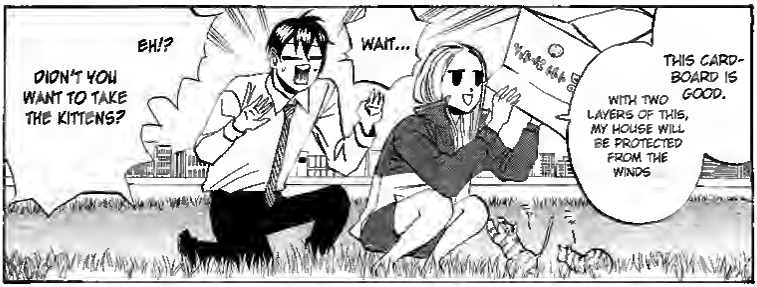
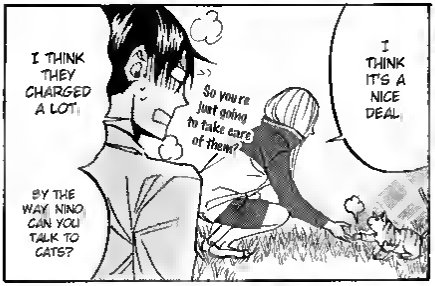
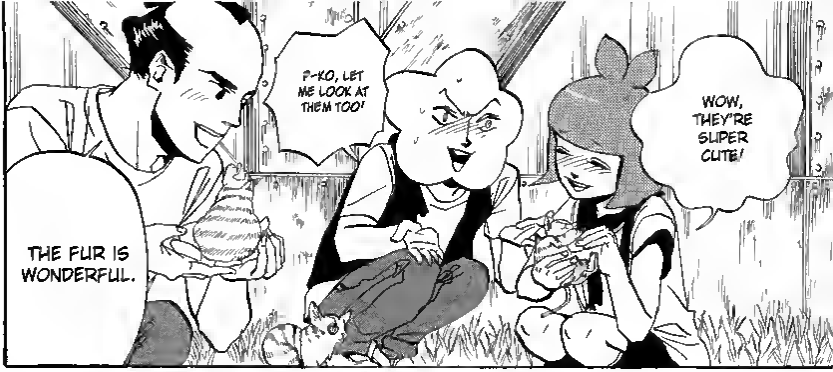
CHAPTER 229: KITTENS' MAGIC


EH!?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO TAKE THE KITTENS?
WAIT...
THIS CARDBOARD IS GOOD.
WITH TWO LAYERS OF THIS, MY HOUSE WILL BE PROTECTED FROM THE WINDS

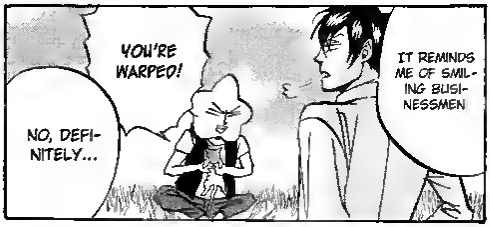
AH, I'VE MADE A DEAL WITH THE PREVIOUS OWNER.
Kittens?
WHAT'D YOU DO WITH THEM? WHY ARE YOU SO CRUEL, NINO?
STEALING THE ONLY SHELTER OF ABANDONED KITTENS!



AND THEN...
Okay, I'll go repair the wall of my house
We can't leave them alone
IT'S REALLY A BIG PROBLEM, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO WITH THE KITTENS?


THE FUR IS WONDERFUL.
P-KO, LET ME LOOK AT THEM TOO!
WOW, THEY'RE SUPER CUTE!

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S PATHETIC FOR AN ADULT MAN TO BEHAVE CHILDISHLY WITH A KITTEN?
WHY ARE YOU GUYS SO CARE-FREE?
THEY'RE SO CUTE! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE A KITTEN


YOU'RE WARPED!
NO, DEFI-NITELY...
IT REMINDS ME OF SMIL-ING BUSI-NESSMEN

FRAGILE BODY,
THEIR FLUFFY FUR,

THE PINK PAWS,
THE WAY THEY'RE JIGGLING,
THE WIRE-LIKE TAIL,

NO WHAT I DISLIKE...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU? ARE YOU AFRAID OF CATS, TOO?
IS THE FACT THAT THEY SEEM TO THINK THAT THEY CAN GET FOOD JUST BY MEOWING CUTELY.

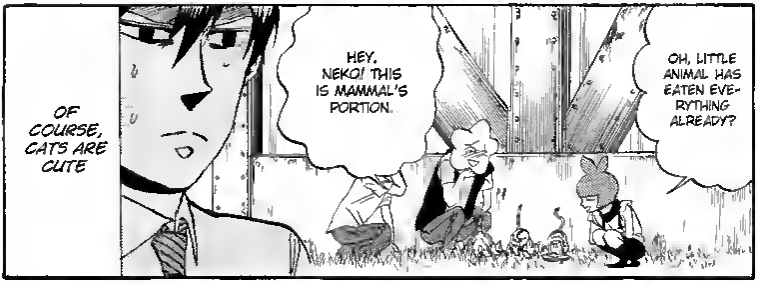
SO YOU'RE THE MOST PASSIONATE CAT LOVER IN THE RIVER-BED?
No doubt!
IT'S SOME KIND OF TRAP! THEY CAN'T JUST BE SO CUTE!!
NO, DON'T DO THAT!
FORGET ABOUT THAT TWISTED GUY, LET'S NAME THEM.
I DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ISSUE.
ISN'T IT INCONVENIENT TO CALL THEM IF THEY DON'T HAVE NAMES?
LOOK.
NINO HAD TO TAKE A ONE-YEAR LONG LOAN...
BUT IF WE GIVE THEM NAMES, WE'D BE INDEBTED FOREVER!
THAT'S MEAN...
HEY, CAT!
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE?

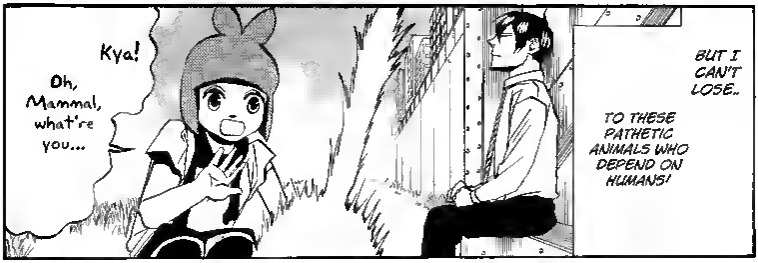
HEY, MAMMAL!
HEY, LITTLE ANIMAL!
HEY, NEKO!

THEY'RE CLOSE, BUT THEY AREN'T.
THESE AREN'T NAMES!
AREN'T YOU GIVING THEM NAMES

LATER HE ADMITTED THAT HE WANTED TO NAME THEM AFTER BRANDS OF TEA.
BUT IF I GIVE THEM CUTE NAMES, THEY'LL BECOME THREE TIMES CUTER!!
GIVE THEM PROPER CUTE NAMES!
IF YOU WANT TO FEEL LIKE A PARENT..

CHAPTER 230: ARAKAWA TRIAL





WHAT'S UP?
He is the only one who didn't eat at all.
He's the only white cat
I'm sure he hasn't eaten for a long time and is very hungry.

I THINK YOU COULD BUY SUCH BEAR PELTS FROM A SHOP...
MAYBE A NEW WAR WILL START SOON..
Even if you win, you can't even make a glove from cat fur.
IT REMINDS ME OF MY BEST WAR BUDDY, ALEXANDRA.

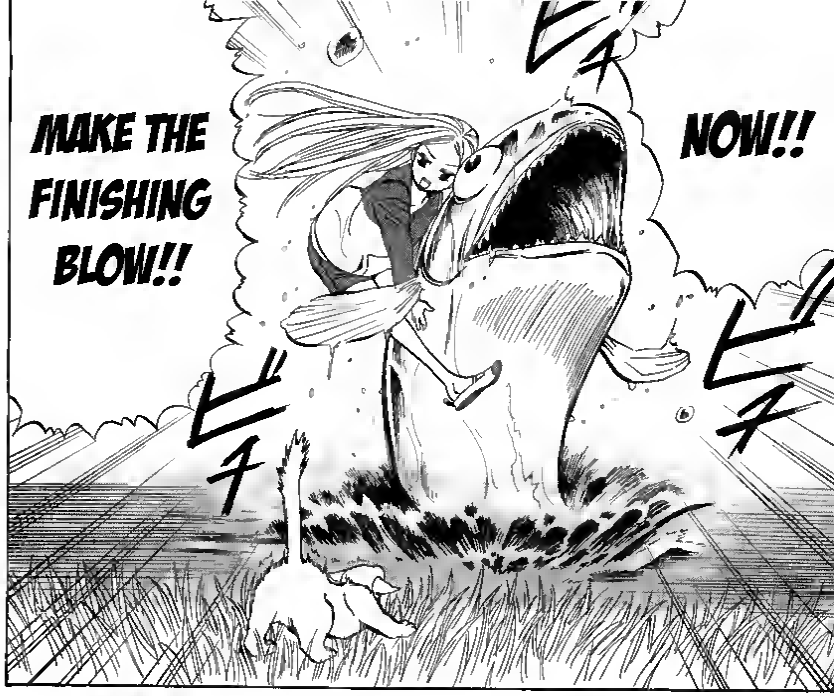
WELL, LEAVE THIS TO ME.
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT.
He'll die if he doesn't eat.

DON'T BE AFRAID..

SFX. GYAAA-

AH?
RICK, HOLD THIS FOR A MOMENT.
WHAT'S THIS THING?

OH? SO YOU'LL EAT IT IF YOU CATCH IT YOURSELF?
IT'S NO GOOD IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT THE RENT
HOW MANY LAYERS DOES THIS MASK CONSIST OF!?
I'll die if I take off the mask...
GOOD IDEA, NINO!
WHAT IF I HELP HIM TO CATCH FISH?
GOOD JOB, NINO!
YOU MANAGED NOT TO SPOIL THE KITTEN...
WAIT FOR ME, MAMMAL!
OKAY, THEN I'LL CHASE THE FISH HERE
IT'LL GO WELL...
MAMMAL!!
NINO IS GOING TO HELP YOU!
OKAY, MAMMAL, DO YOUR BEST!
BUT AT THE SAME TIME TO HELP HIM GET FOOD...


MAKE THE FINISHING BLOW!!
NOW!!
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GUYS...
DO YOUR BEST, NEWTYPE, THE WHITE DEVIL OF FELIDAE!!
DO IT! DO IT, ALEXANDRA'S INCARNATION!
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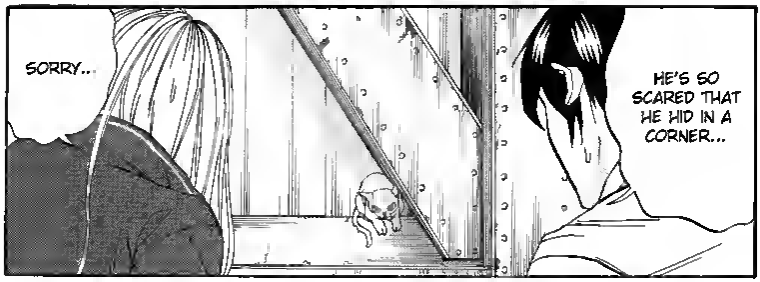
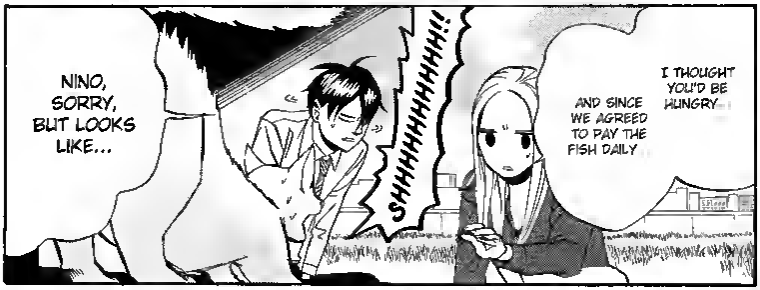
DON'T EXPECT A LOT FROM A LITTLE KITTEN!!

CHAPTER 231: OPEN YOUR HEART

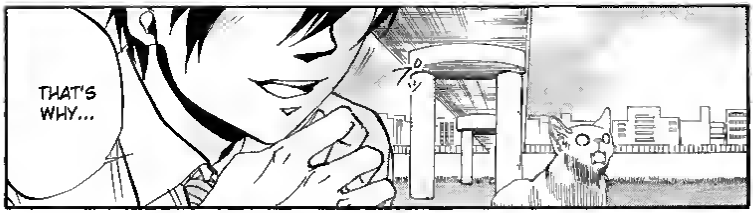




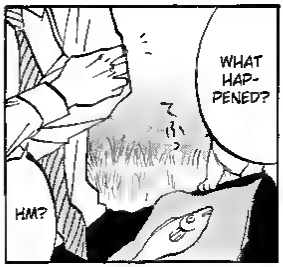
SINCE WHEN DID YOU GUYS BECOME SO TACTFUL?
GOOD LUCK, RICK.
LET'S LEAVE THE REST TO THOSE TWO.
DAMN IT!
IT'S ALL JUST PRE-TENSE ANYWAY!
DID HE REALLY GET TO LIKE ME?
THERE'S A POSITIVE SIDE TO IT TOO...
YOU WERE ABANDONED IN A CARD-BOARD BOX...
YOU REALIZED THAT YOU CAN'T TRUST HUMANS EARLY.
THAT'S RIGHT...

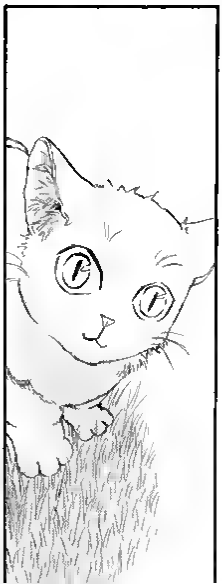
IF YOU WERE A HUMAN,
YOU'D BE SIMILAR TO ME.
I'VE NEVER EXPECTED
ANYTHING FROM OTHERS
IF YOU HAVE ENOUGH POWER TO LIVE ON YOUR OWN...
YOU'LL NEVER BE ABANDONED AGAIN.
BUT...
What's this? Is he alright?
Is he talking to the kitten?
YOU'LL SEE IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY
THEY'RE DIFFERENT.

NONE OF THEM...
ARE REALLY HUMAN.


THAT'S WHY...

HMMM
WHAT AM I DOING TALKING TO A KITTEN?


WHAT HAP-PENED?
HM?



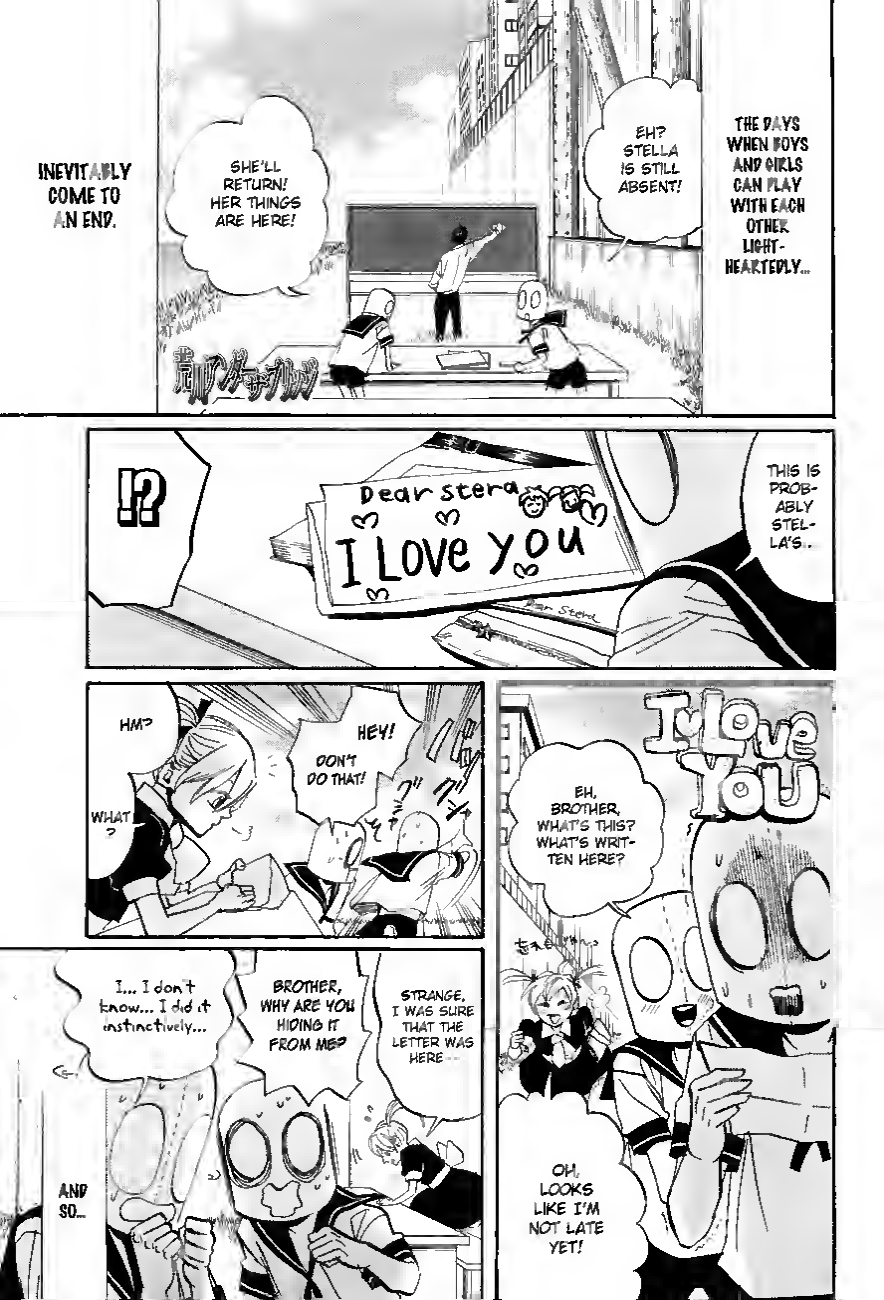
I THINK YOU CAN TRUST THEM A LITTLE.

WHAT THE HECK WHY DID HE TAKE FOOD FROM HIM?
IT'S BECAUSE HE WAS TALKING SERIOUSLY.
VENU-SIANS, KAPPAS, CATS...
EVERYONE WANTS OTHERS TO BE HONEST TO THEM.
MAMMAL IS EATING LIKE A CLEVER BOY...
STOP!
WELL MAYBE
YOU DID VERY WELL, RICK!
EH?
KYAA... HE DID IT!!

MY DEAR KITTY...
PLEASE DON'T TOUCH HIM, YOU'LL SCARE HIM!

YOUR TUMMY IS EMPTY~~
SO, KITTY, LET'S DRINK SOME MILK?

THE STRONGEST COMMAND OF ANY ANIMAL IS "I'M ATTACHED ONLY TO YOU".
HE SURRENDERED.
HEY~~ KITTY IS SLEEPY~~
TAKAI? BUY A CAT'S BED, THE MOST EXPENSIVE ONE!
NO, BUY TEN!


INEVITABLY COME TO AN END.
SHE'LL RETURN! HER THINGS ARE HERE!
EH? STELLA IS STILL ABSENT!
THE DAYS WHEN BOYS AND GIRLS CAN PLAY WITH EACH OTHER LIGHT-HEARTEDLY...
!?
Dear stera
I Love you
THIS IS PROBABLY STELLA'S..
HM?
WHAT?
HEY! DON'T DO THAT!
I Love You
EH, BROTHER, WHAT'S THIS? WHAT'S WRITTEN HERE?
OH, LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT LATE YET!
STRANGE, I WAS SURE THAT THE LETTER WAS HERE...
BROTHER, WHY ARE YOU HIDING IT FROM ME?
I... I don't know... I did it instinctively...
AND SO...

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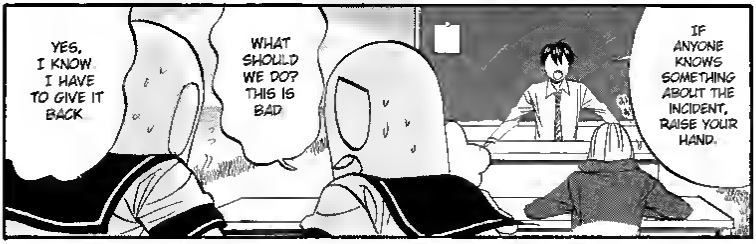
IRON BROTHERS ARE GROWING UP STEADILY.
ARAKAWA UNDER THE BRIDGE
荒川アンダーザブリッジ

CHAPTER 232: FIRST LOVE



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I'LL LET YOU GO AWAY AFTER DISMEMBERMENT!
IF YOU DON'T WANT TO TURN INTO A PILE OF MEAT, GIVE IT BACK NOW!!
IT'LL BE VERY HARD TO CONFESS UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS!
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IT'S A LETTER FROM THE GUY WHO'S THE MOST IMPORTANT TO ME!
OH, SISTER, DO YOU KNOW HIM?
YEAH!
AH, SO IT WAS FROM JAN?
MOST IMPORTANT?
I LOVE YOU
I WANT TO REPLY TO HIM TOO!
JAN CONVEYED HIS FEELINGS THROUGH THE LETTER.
THAT'S WHY...
HE AND STELLA WERE BEST FRIENDS.
IT'S A BOY FROM THE ORPHANAGE IN ENGLAND.
YEAH!

I HAVE SOME STRANGE FEELING IN MY CHEST...
I DON'T UNDER-STAND ... WHEN I'M LOOKING AT STELLA...
No..
I don't want it..
BROTHER, LOOKS LIKE IT'S A REALLY IMPORTANT LETTER...
W-WHAT?
Like your heart is beating faster?
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Brother, does it feel...
What's this feel-ing?
I'LL TELL YOU... THAT FEELING IS ACTUALLY...
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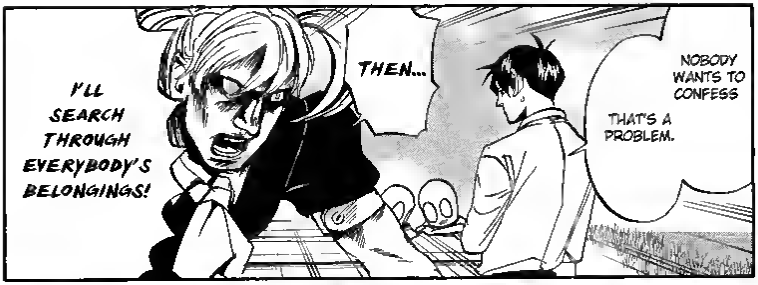
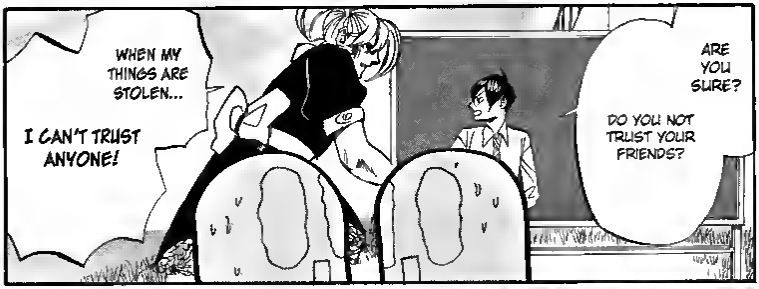
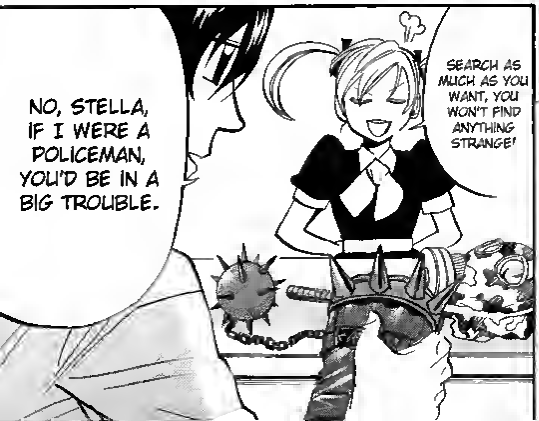
YES, I'VE ONLY HEARD ABOUT IT BEFORE.
TETSURO, I KNOW WHAT IT IS.
I HAVEN'T EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF.
I SEE.
Yes, that's right! And my body feels hot...
SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

STELLA HAS SUPERNATURAL ABILITIES TOO, BROTHER!!
THE RESONANCE BETWEEN ESPER BRAIN WAVES.
AH, I SEE!!
Won't she get caught by the researchers from the lab?
But Stella doesn't wear a mask
EH?
CHILDREN CAN OFTEN MISTAKE AIR MAIL FOR A SECRET CYPHER.
No... Tetsuro, I think you're wrong...
THAT'S WHY YOU HID IT, RIGHT, BROTHER?
I LOVE YOU
It's for Stella
THAT LETTER IS AN INVITATION TO THE LAB!

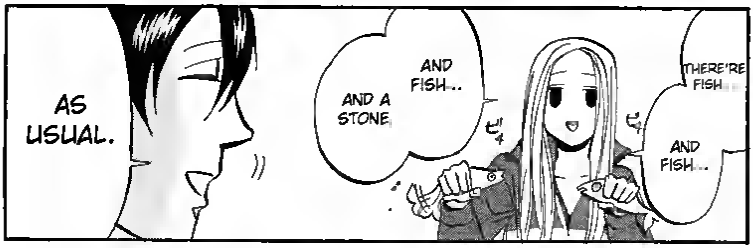
CHAPTER 233: CUSTOMS EXAMINATION

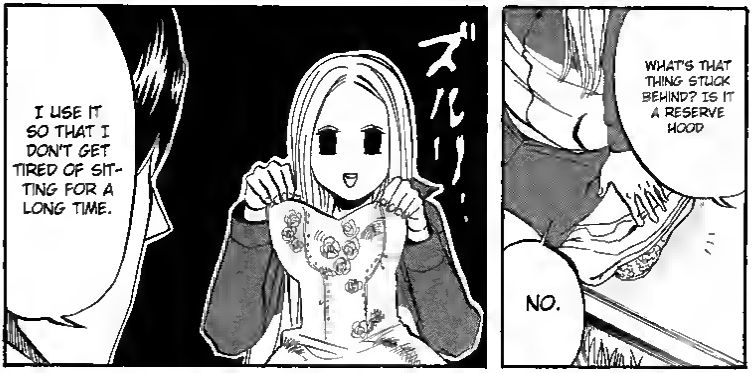






OKAY, LET'S EXAMINE EVERYONE IN ORDER.
NINO, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE ME...
SURE.
IN MY POCKETS...


THERE'RE FISH...
AND FISH...
AND FISH...
AND A STONE.
AS USUAL.


WHAT'S THAT THING STUCK BEHIND? IS IT A RESERVE HOOD
NO.
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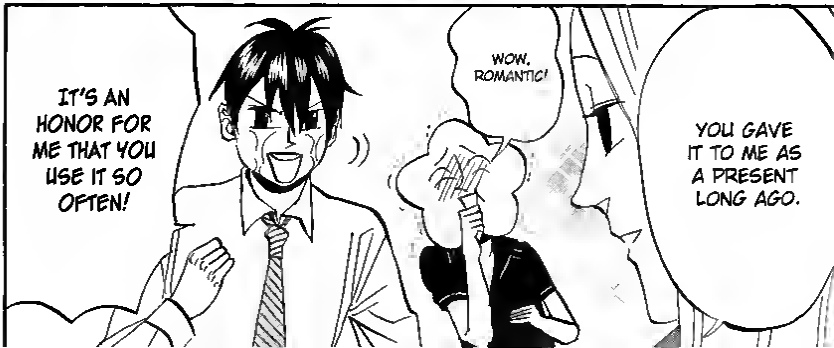
I USE IT SO THAT I DON'T GET TIRED OF SITTING FOR A LONG TIME.


YOU GAVE IT TO ME AS A PRESENT LONG AGO.
WOW. ROMANTIC!
IT'S AN HONOR FOR ME THAT YOU USE IT SO OFTEN!

Don't worry. We'll deal with it...
What can we do?
They're examining us carefully, one by one...
What can we do? Our turn is coming!
YOU'RE NEXT!!
I'LL THROW AWAY ALL YOUR TOBACCO!
Why are you carrying candies?
OKAY, NEXT ARE IRON BROTHERS. PUT YOUR BAGS ON THE DESK!
Really?
I sent it to hyperspace with my power!
They won't find it!
I haven't seen any letter!
OKAY, TETSUO, DO YOU KNOW ANYTHING?
Believe me, Mr. Rick!
INSIDE TETSUO'S BAG I SEE... BENT SPOONS..
AND NOTHING ELSE!
COULD THEY BE BEHIND IT?
THEY ARE UNUSUALLY QUIET AND CAST THEIR LOOK DOWNWARDS.

DO YOU THINK THESE EYES ARE THE EYES OF A LIAR?
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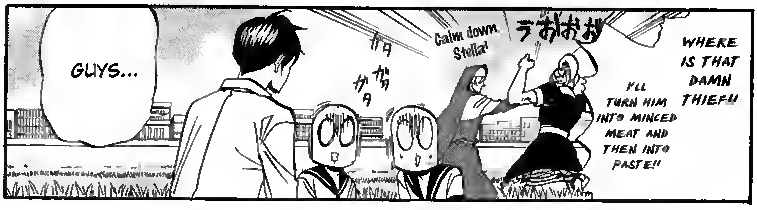
YOU


GUYS...
Calm down Stella!
WHERE IS THAT DAMN THIEF!!
I'LL TURN HIM INTO MINCED MEAT AND THEN INTO PASTE!!

SOMETHING LIKE THIS CAN HAPPEN SOMETIMES TOO.
EH, WHY?
AFTER SCHOOL, COME TALK TO ME.
OKAY?

CHAPTER 234: CONFESSION

WE DIDN'T TAKE IT! WE DON'T KNOW ANYTHING!
Dear
I Love
You
THAT'S RIGHT! DON'T ACCUSE US!
WHAT IF OUR LIES ARE EXPOSED?
They aren't
It's alright, they didn't get it!
WAS THAT A LOVE LETTER FOR STELLA?
IF TETSUO REALLY STOLE IT, IT MEANS THAT HE IS..
SHUT UP, DON'T COME HERE!
SO SWEET.
I SEE.. IF THIS IS THE REAL REASON..
I SHOULDN'T SCOLD THEM STRICTLY.
GUYS...
I HAVE TO BE CAREFUL.
I THINK THAT GOOD BOYS SHOULD ADMIT THEIR MISTAKES
BUT... WE DIDN'T DO ANYTHING WRONG!
EH!?
DON'T BE MEAN.
THEN CUTE STELLA WILL BE SAD.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE EYES ARE THE WINDOW TO THE SOUL?
I LOVE
You
Cute...
I DON'T THINK STELLA IS CUTE IN ANY WAY!
AH ...!!
UGH
I LOVE
You
DAMN, THIS IS ANNOYING! JUST GO AND LOOK IN THE MIRROR!!
BUT...
YOU SHOULDN'T BE SAYING IT TO ME
I'm sorry! I'm sorry!
U-ugh..
She'll definitely hate me!
But Stella was so angry... If I confess, she'll hate me...

SHE'LL NEVER KNOW ABOUT YOUR FEELINGS.
IF YOU CONTINUE HIDING IT...
AND THEN SAY HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.
Dear
I Lo
Sterry
You
IT'LL BE ALRIGHT IF YOU APOLO-GIZE
LOVE
HOW I FEEL..
THEY'VE GROWN UP.
BEFORE I KNEW .
I'LL GO!
MR RICK, THANK YOU!
GOOD LUCK!

AND SO...
OH, TETSUO!
WHAT'S UP, HAVE YOU FOUND MY LETTER?
I'm sorry, Stella!
I TOOK THE LETTER!
WHAA AAT!?
BUT BEFORE THAT
I'M VERY SORRY! DISMEMBER ME IF YOU WANT!
I WANT TO TELL YOU ABOUT MY TRUE FEELINGS...
Eh...
WHAT?
That's...

NO, I LIKE YOU MUCH, MUCH MORE!!
I HAVE THE SAME FEELINGS AS THE AUTHOR OF THIS LETTER...
TETSUO...
OH, HE SAID IT!
S... STELLA...
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WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOREVER
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I...
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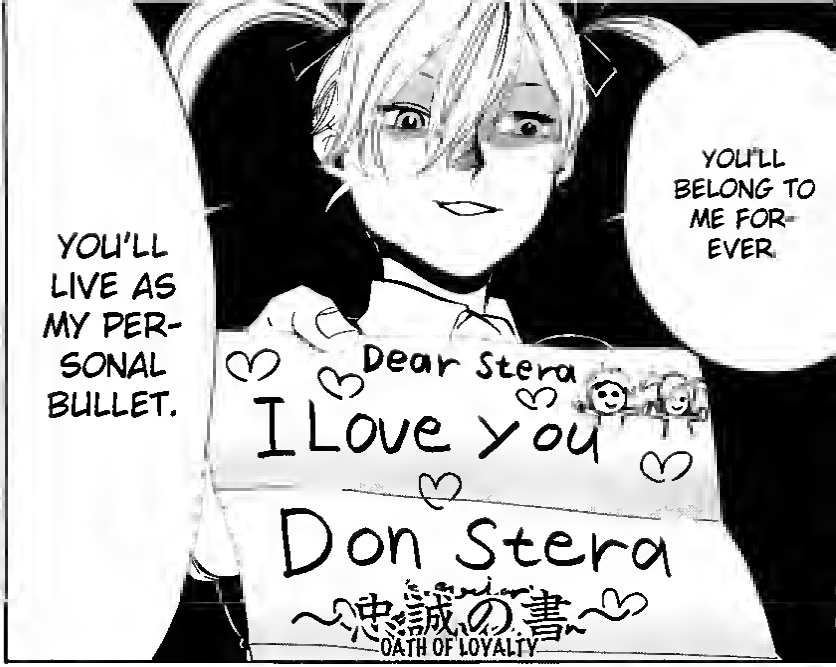
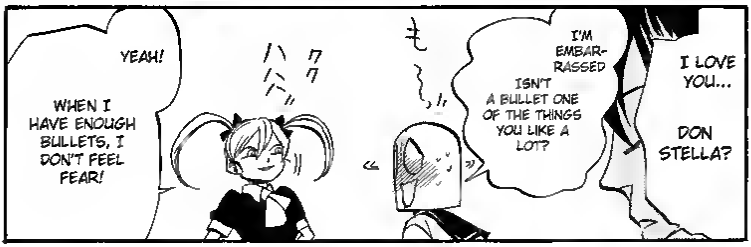
JUST AS WRITTEN IN THIS LETTER...
HAVE KNOWN IT SINCE LONG AGO.


YOU'LL BELONG TO ME FOR-EVER.
YOU'LL LIVE AS MY PER-SONAL BULLET.
Dear Stera
I Love you
Don Stera
忠誠の書
OATH OF LOYALTY


YEAH!
WHEN I HAVE ENOUGH BULLETS, I DON'T FEEL FEAR!
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I'M EMBAR-RASSED
ISN'T A BULLET ONE OF THE THINGS YOU LIKE A LOT?
I LOVE YOU...
DON STELLA?

DON STELLA FAMILY IS GROWING BIT BY BIT.
IS THIS A REAL OR-GANIZA-TION?
STELLA GREW OLD ENOUGH TO RECEIVE SUCH LETTERS.

SLOWMANGA

EVEN SLOWPOKES ARE FASTER THAN US!

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